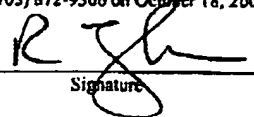


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 16, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including October 18, 2004. Applicants note that October 16, 2004 was a Saturday, and that October 17, 2004 was a Sunday. October 18, 2004 is the first business day following

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